

01-07-04

PTO/SB/22 (10-00)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

1652

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Docket Number (Optional)
2183-4666US

In re Application of Wezel et al.

Application Number 09/749,185

Filed December 26, 2000

For REDUCING BRANCHING AND ENHANCING
FRAGMENTATION IN CULTURING FILAMENTOUS
MICROORGANISMSGroup Art Unit
1652Examiner
M. Rao

TECH CENTER 160012900

JAN 15 2004

RECEIVED

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows (check time period desired):

- ☐ One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) \$ _____
- ☒ Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2)) \$ 420.00
- ☐ Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) \$ _____
- ☐ Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4)) \$ _____
- ☐ Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5)) \$ _____

- ☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$ 210.00.
- ☒ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
- ☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.
- ☐ The Commissioner has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 20-1469.
I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

I am the ☐ applicant/inventor.

☐ assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71

Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).

☒ attorney or agent of record.

☐ attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34(a).

Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34(a).

WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.

January 5, 2004

Date

Andrew F. Nilles

Signature

Andrew F. Nilles Reg. No. 47,825

Typed or printed name

NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below*.

☒ *Total of 1 forms are submitted.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

Express Mail Label Number: EV325783908US

Date of Deposit: January 5, 2004

Person Making Deposit: Christopher Houghton

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 0.1 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

210.00 OP

01/09/2004 ZJUHAR1 00000023 09749185

01 FC:2252

OIP E JC100
JAN 05 2004
PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE